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HISTORIANS TO VISIT UM, DISCUSS MILITIAS PAST AND PRESENT

MISSOULA --

Two leading historians will lend historical perspective to the Freeman, militia and other modern anti-government movements during a free, public lecture at The University of Montana Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Richard Beeman of the University of Pennsylvania and Gary Nash of the University of California, Los Angeles, will discuss "The Politics of Defiance and Violence: Anti-government and Anti-authoritarian Activities in Revolutionary and Modern America" at 7 p.m. in Room 352 of the Social Science Building.

"These are two of the top practicing historians of Colonial and Revolutionary history in the profession today," said Harry Fritz, chair of UM's history department.

Nash and Beeman will present contrasting views of the topic, followed by audience discussion. They will draw on their understanding of the Revolutionary era to comment on the various anti-authoritarian movements that draw widespread attention today.

The event, supported by the Montana Committee for the Humanities, is sponsored by the history department and the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society.

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